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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.118G and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, as amended, a public hearing will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2009 at 10 A.M. at the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy ("Division"), Two Boylston Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA relative to the adoption of amendments to:

114.3 CMR 22.00: Durable Medical Equipment, Oxygen and Respiratory Therapy Equipment

The amendments decrease the fee for monthly rental of Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS) by 33%, from \$29.90 to \$20.00. In addition, the amendments incorporate coding changes originally implemented in informational bulletins on October 1, 2007, November 1, 2007 and June 1, 2008.

The Division adopted the amendments as an emergency effective February 1, 2009 to implement budget reductions in accordance with M.G.L. c. 29, § 9C. It is estimated that aggregate annual MassHealth expenditures for PERS services will decrease by \$1.53 million, or 32.4%, as a result of these amendments.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments on these amendments. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter are hereby notified to appear at the designated time and place. Persons intending to speak will be afforded an early opportunity to testify if the Division receives notice by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 4, 2009. All others will be heard subsequently. Written comments may be sent to the Division at Two Boylston Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02116.

Copies of the regulation are available for inspection and/or purchase at the Division, Two Boylston Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02116 or you can access them free of charge in the Regulations section of the Division's web site located at www.mass.gov/dhcfp.